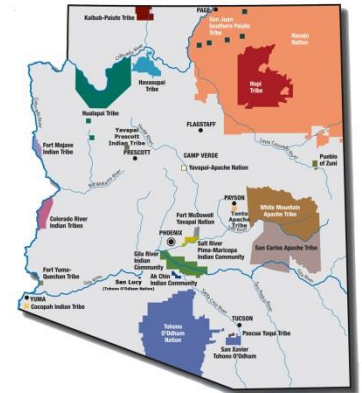


OVERVIEW: DES & TRIBAL RELATIONS



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona



DES Mission & Background

The Arizona Department of Economic Security was established in 1972 by consolidating multiple state agencies to provide an integrated approach to human services.

Mission: To promote the safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of children, adults, and families.

Vision: Every child, adult, and family in the state of Arizona will be safe and economically secure.

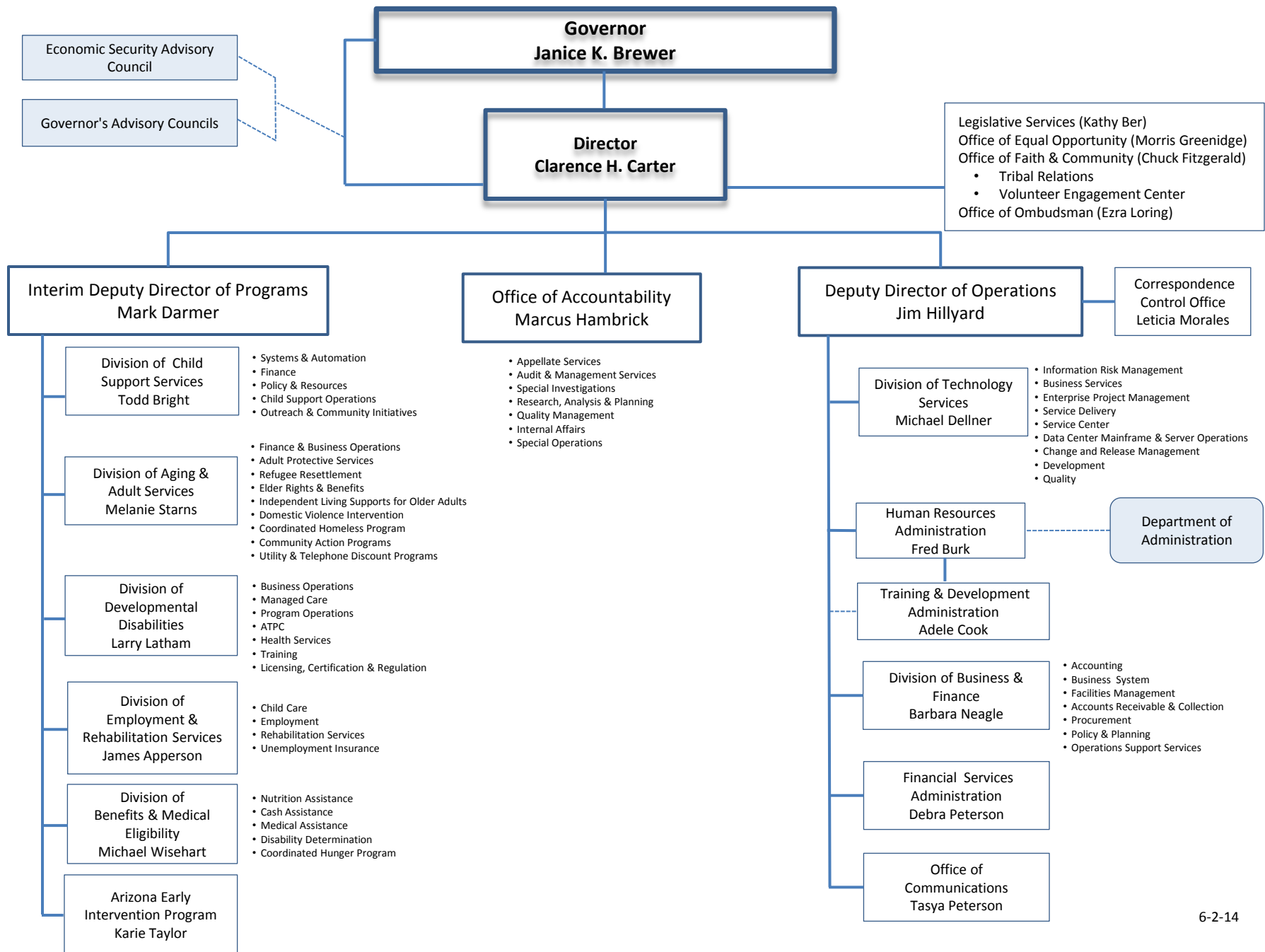
Goals:

- Strengthen Individuals and Families
- Increase Self-Sufficiency
- Collaborate with Communities to Increase Capacity
- Increase Efficiency and Effectiveness through Innovation and Accountability

Values: Respect, Diversity, Collaboration, Accountability, and Innovation



Arizona Department of Economic Security



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Divisions

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Benefits and Medical Eligibility (DBME) – Michael Wischart, Assistant Director

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Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Larry Latham, Assistant Director

Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS) – James Apperson, Assistant Director

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) – Karie Taylor, Executive Director



Division of Aging & Adult Services

Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) supports at-risk Arizonans to meet their basic needs and to live safely, with dignity and independence. DAAS accomplishes their mission through a number of programs and initiatives:

- Adult Protective Services
- Refugee Resettlement
- Elder Rights & Benefits
- Independent Living Supports for Older Adults
- Domestic Violence Intervention
- Coordinated Homeless Program
- Community Action Programs
- Utility & Telephone Discount Programs
- Finance & Business Operations

DAAS Tribal Liaison: Scott Geiger



Division of Benefits and Medical Eligibility

Division of Benefits and Medical Eligibility (DBME) oversees three administrations with varying responsibilities to support the Department of Economic Security's mission to promote the safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of children, adults, and families.

- Nutrition Assistance
- Cash Assistance
- Medical Assistance
- Disability Determination
- Coordinated Hunger Program



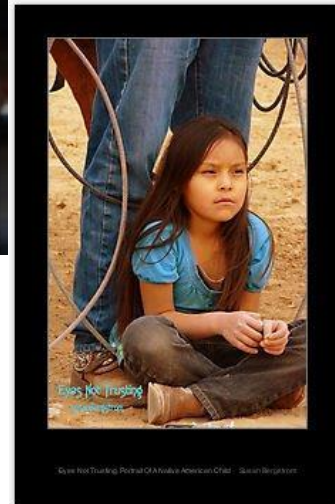
DBME Tribal Liaisons: Tomasita Kaibetoney, Chantal Steller



Division of Child Support Services

Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) works with the nutrition assistance (food stamps), cash assistance, vocational rehabilitation, jobs and child care programs to ensure that both the custodial and non-custodial parents have the support they need in order to take steps toward their and their family's well-being and self-sufficiency.

- Systems & Automation
- Finance
- Policy & Resources
- Child Support Operations
- Outreach & Community Initiatives



DCSS Tribal Liaison: Marjorie Cook



Division of Developmental Disabilities

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides services and supports to more than 28,000 individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence. DDD offers supports for family members and other caregivers. DDD believes that people can best be supported in integrated community settings and the majority of the Division's programs and services are tailored to meet the individual needs of persons in their home and other community settings.

- Business Operations
- Managed Care
- Program Operations
- ATPC
- Health Services
- Training
- Licensing, Certification & Regulation

DDD Tribal Liaison: Hattie Bridges



Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services

Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS) is the part of DES that helps people connect to work. People who are out of work and need unemployment insurance benefits, people who want a job or a better job, people with traumatic brain injuries, employers who need employees, people who are disabled and need assistance to work, people who need quality, reliable childcare services so they can work – all of these individuals and more receive services from programs organized in DERS.

- Child Care
- Employment
- Rehabilitation Services
- Unemployment Insurance



DERS Tribal Liaison: Lucy Rubi



Arizona Early Intervention Program

The Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) is the part of DES that helps families when their infant or toddler has a developmental delay or a disability. AzEIP supports families with children under age 3 who are eligible for AzEIP, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and/or the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. AzEIP contracts with providers who determine if a child is eligible, assists families to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan, and supports families in assisting their child to engage and participate in everyday routines and activities.

AzEIP Tribal Liaison: Eric Tack



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A photograph of ancient cliff dwellings. The upper part of the image shows a large, flat rock overhang. Underneath this overhang, several rectangular stone buildings are built into the cliff face. These buildings have small, square windows and are constructed from reddish-brown masonry. Below the overhang, there are more ruins, including a larger structure with a prominent, tall, narrow tower or kiva. The foreground is filled with green shrubs and a dirt path. The overall scene is set in a desert environment with warm, reddish-brown rock formations.

Questions?